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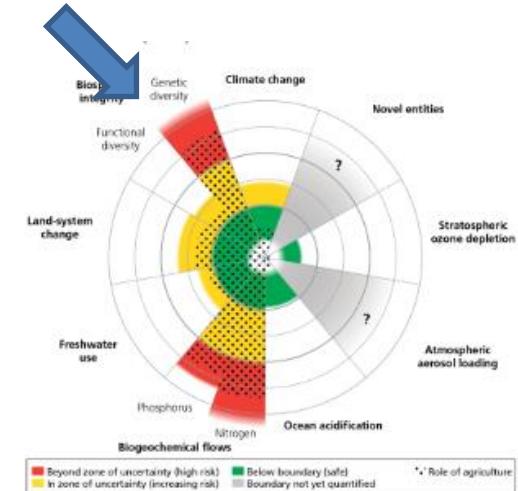
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# Introduction

- ❖ Biodiversity a major concern at planet level
- ❖ Every action supporting biodiversity
- ❖ e.g. design of innovative cropping systems
- ❖ needs assessment methods



(Campbell et al., 2017)

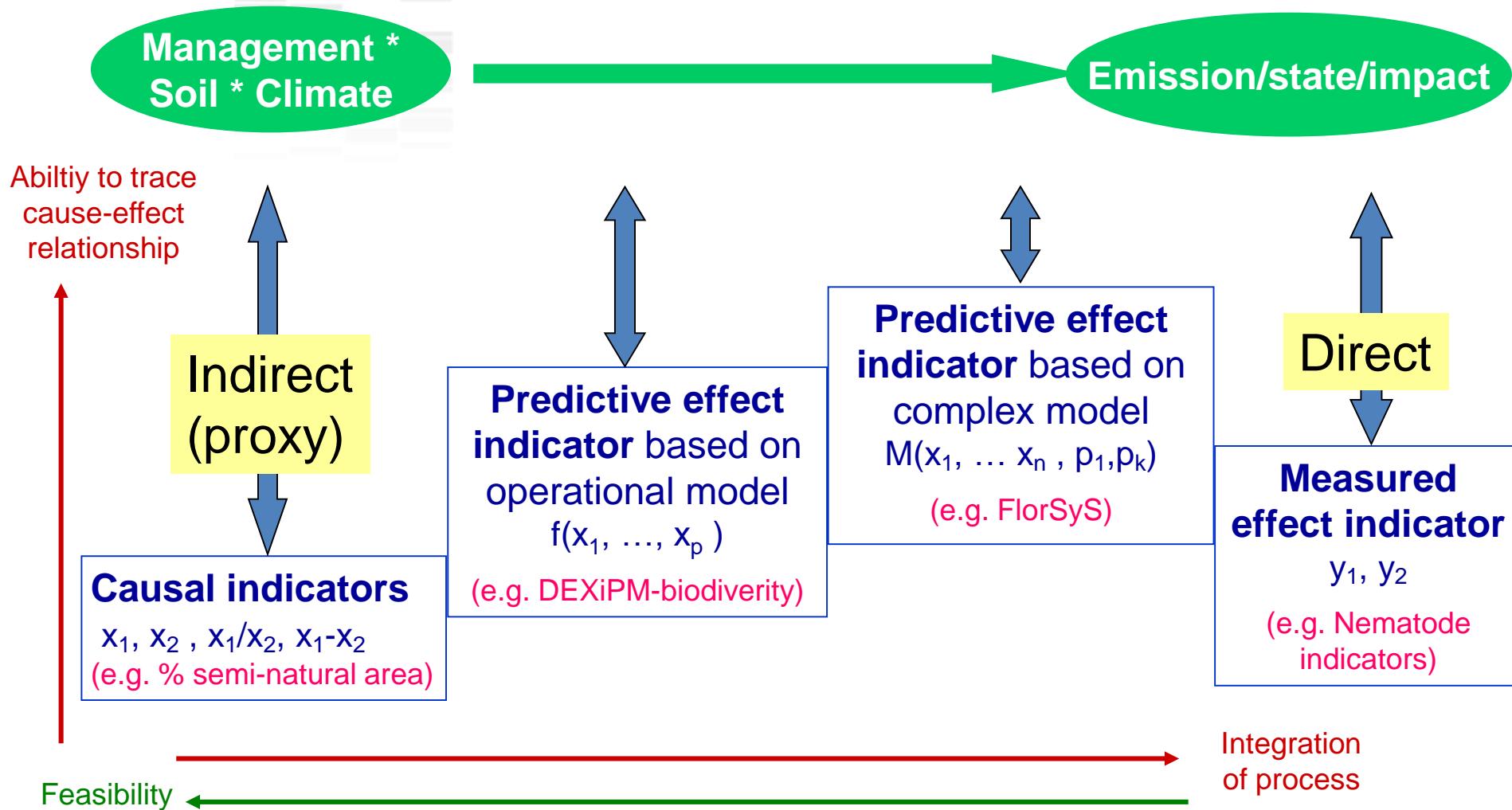


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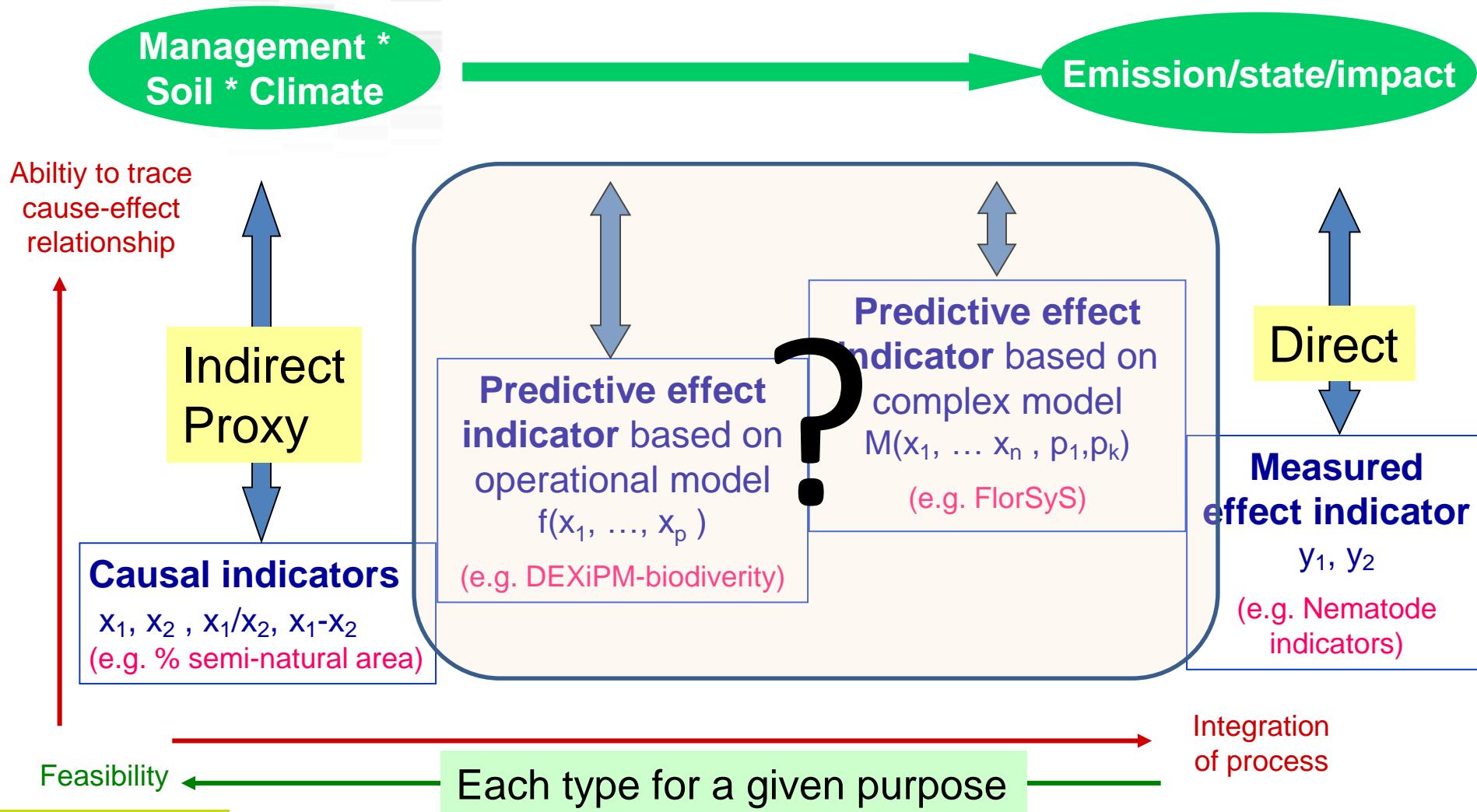
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At its seventh session, in agenda item 3 – “Session II”, paragraph 1, the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) approved the summary for policymakers of the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services as set out in the annex to the present addendum.

(IPBES, 2019)

# Different types of indicators (*Bockstaller et al. 2015 OCL*)



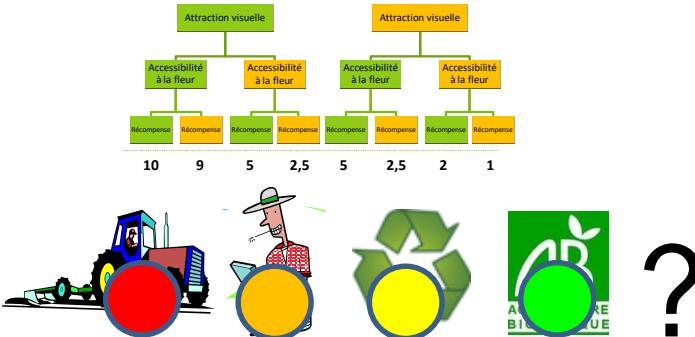
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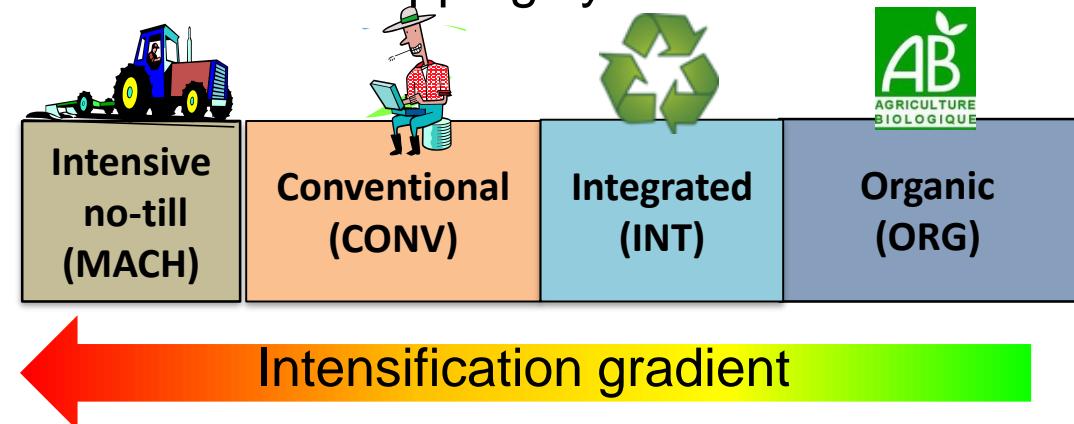
# Aim of the presentation

- ❖ Any implementation of indicator
- ❖ Relevance of their outputs?
- ❖ Different approaches (Bockstaller *et al.*, 2008).
- ❖ Here comparison

Causal & predictive indicators



vs. 4 cropping systems



# Material & methods: Indicators selected

- ❖ Review of biodiversity indicators in the French INDIC database (Thomas-Delille 2015) and of  $\approx 15$  methods
- ❖ A set of indicators and 4 methods included in the study

Author	Method	Aggregation	Indicator type	Theme	Scale
Billeter <i>et al.</i> 2007	No	No	causal	Biodiversity	Landscape/field
Chabert 2015 <sup>a</sup>	<b>Auximore</b>	with DEXi	Predictive	Natural ennemis	Field/crop. System (CS)
Craheix et al. 2012	<b>MASC 2.0</b>	with DEXi	Predictive	Biodiversity	Field/CS
Pelzer et al. 2012	<b>DEXiPM V1</b>	with DEXi	Predictive	Biodiversity	Field/CS
Demade 2014 <sup>b</sup>	<b>DEXiPM V2</b>	with DEXi	Predictive	Biodiversity	Field/CS

<sup>a</sup> report, <sup>b</sup> master thesis

# The DEXi tool (Bohanec et al. 2008 EM)

DEXi - [Durabilite Totale [\*C:\DOCUME~1\C7134~1.BOC\LOCALS~1\Temp\MASC\_V1\_18-12-2007.dxi]]

File Edit Window Help

Model Options Evaluation Charts

Attribute

Name Durabilite Totale

Description Appreciation qualitative de la durabilite agro-environnementale et socio-économique des systemes de culture innovants

Scale

+ tres faible(-);faible(-);moyenne;elevee(+);tres elevee(+)

Utility function F Rules: 64/64 (100,00%), determined: 100,00%

Parametrization of input variables (e.g. classes)

Durabilite Totale

- Durabilite Economique
  - Rentabilite
  - Autonomie
    - Niveau d independance economique
    - Efficiency economique
    - Besoins en materiel
  - Acceptabilite Sociale
    - Contribution a l emploi
    - Difficultes operationnelles
    - Penibilite du travail

Definition of decision tree

Risque de pollution des eaux

- Risques lies aux pesticides
  - Eaux superficielles
  - Eaux profondes
- Perdes de NO3
- Perdes de P

Emissions dans l air

- Emissions de NH3
  - Emissions de N2O
  - Risque lie a l emission de CO2
- Evolution de la qualite des sols
  - Qualite physique
    - Structure du sol
    - Alea erosif
  - Qualite chimique
    - Matiere organique
    - Fertilite phosphorique

Pression sur les ressources

- Consommation d eau
  - Conso. en eau d irrigation
  - Dependance vis a vis de l eau
  - Demande en eau de la population
  - Autonomie de la ressource

Decision rules Durabilite Totale

	Durabilite Economique	Acceptabilite Sociale	Durabilite Environnementale	Durabilite Totale
1	tres faible	tres faible	tres faible	tres faible
2	tres faible	tres faible	faible a moyenne	tres faible
3	tres faible	tres faible	moyenne a elevee	tres faible
4	tres faible	tres faible	tres elevee	tres faible
5	tres faible	faible a moyenne	tres faible	tres faible
6	tres faible	faible a moyenne	faible a moyenne	faible
7	tres faible	faible a moyenne	moyenne a elevee	faible
8	tres faible	faible a moyenne	tres elevee	faible
9	tres faible	moyenne a elevee	tres faible	tres faible
10	tres faible	moyenne a elevee	faible a moyenne	faible
11	tres faible	moyenne a elevee	moyenne a elevee	faible
12	tres faible	moyenne a elevee	tres elevee	moyenne
13	tres faible	tres elevee	tres faible	tres faible
14	tres faible	tres elevee	faible a moyenne	faible
15	tres faible	tres elevee	moyenne a elevee	moyenne
16	tres faible	tres elevee	tres elevee	moyenne
17	faible a moyenne	tres faible	tres faible	tres faible

Elicitation of decision rules (if then): manually or automatically with weighting

## Material and methods

Montevideo FSD 2019

# DEXi implementation in France (Bockstaller et al. 2018)

Quantitative data in classes



MASC 1.0  
(Sadok et al. 2009 ASD)

MASC 2.0  
(Craheix et al. 2012)

Auximore  
(Chabert 2015)

Natural ennemis  
(*coccinella*, *syrphidae*,  
*chrysope*, *parasitoïde*)

## Material and methods

Qualitative data  
in classes

DEXiPM V1  
(Pelzer et al. 2012 EI)

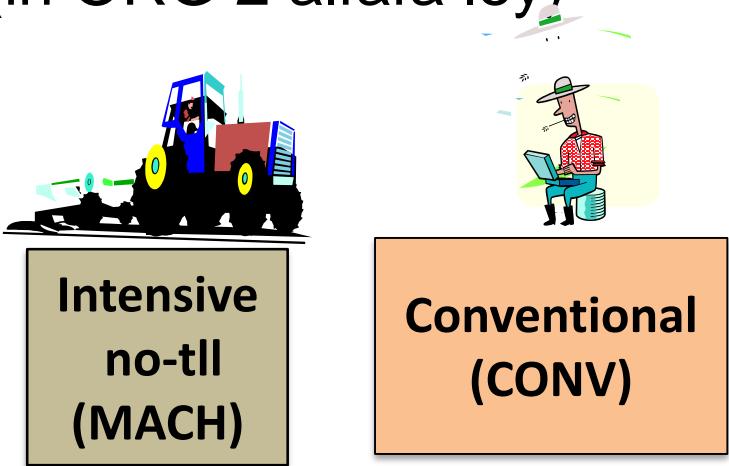
Biodiversity

DEXiPM V2  
(Demade 2014)

Some others: DEXi-fruit, etc.

# Cropping systems tested

- ❖ Système experiment at Arvalis-Institut du Végétal station (South of Paris)
- ❖ 4 cropping systems : rotations ≈ similar (in ORG 2 alfalfa ley)



Tillage	No	Optimized	Reduced	Plough
N	High	Optimized	Reduced	No
Pesticides	High	Optimized	Reduced	No

Intensification gradient

# Results: Some causal indicators relevant

Indicator	MACH	CONV	INT	ORG	
Average N rate	Inconsistent	Inconsistent	Intermediate	Consistent	 <small>OK</small>
% cropped area with > 150 kg N/ha	Inconsistent	Inconsistent	Consistent	Consistent	 <small>Intermediate</small>
Number of crops in the rotation					 <small>Not concerned</small>
Diversity of crop families	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate	Consistent	 <small>Intermediate</small>
% of semi natural habitats in 1 km buffer	Inconsistent	Intermediate	Intermediate	Consistent	 <small>OK</small>
Diversity of semi natural habitats in 1 km buffer					 <small>Not concerned</small>

 Inconsistent   
  intermediate   
  consistent   
  not concerned

## Results

# DEXiPM V1 & V2 performing for fauna



Criterion	Indicator	Auximore DEXi	MASC 2.0	DEXiPM v1	DEXiPM v2
Global biodiversity			Inconsistent with gradient	Consistent with the gradient	
Flying insects	Flying insects		CONV = INT		
	Flying natural enemies	(MACH, CONV) and (INT, ORG).		Consistent with the gradient	
Soil fauna	Soil macro fauna		Only MACH is ≠		
	Soil natural enemies			Consistent with the gradient	
	Crawling natural enemies				



# But for flora (weeds) DEXiPM V2 needs enhancement



Criterion	Indicator	Auximore DEXi	MASC 2.0	DEXiPM v1	DEXiPM v2
Flora	Weeds			Consistent with the gradient	Inconsistent with gradient
	Semi natural flora		Only ORG is >	Only ORG is >	Only ORG is >
Micro organisms	Soil micro organisms		Only ORG is >		

Inconsistent   intermediate   consistent   not concerned

# Discussion & conclusion

- ❖ Some causal indicators (N management) consistent with gradient data



Easy to implement



Low integration of processes

- ❖ DEXiPM V1 and V2 : able to provide consistent results with intensity gradient

- Exception for weeds: this indicator should be enhanced



*Ex ante* assessment: simulation



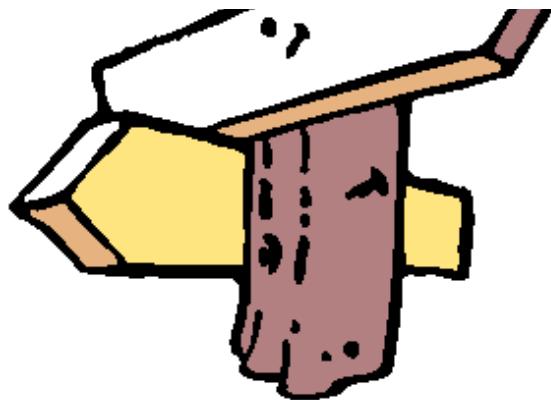
Very qualitative

- ❖ Need to repeat such study

- with datasets of several locations
  - taxon diversity/abundance measurements



Thank you for your attention



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